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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005.

The Office action allowed claims 51-59, placed a restriction requirement over claims 60 and 61 as being drawn to a non-elected species, rejected claims 34-36, 39-43, and 47 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US 5,449,373 (hereinafter Pinchasik), rejected claim 62 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US 5,776,161 (hereinafter Globberman) and rejected claims 49 and 50 as being unpatentable over Pinchasik in view of US 6,156,052 (hereinafter Richter). In light of the previously recited amendments and the following remarks, Applicant believes the claims are in a condition for allowance.

Election/Restrictions

As mentioned in Applicant's previous Amendment after Final, Applicant disputes the validity of the restriction requirement made for claims 60 and 61. However, in order to facilitate the prosecution of this application, Applicant has withdrawn these claims. Applicant however reserves the right to include these claims in a future continuation application claiming the same priority as possessed by this application.

Claims Rejections

Although Applicant disputes the validity of the rejections for claims 34-36, 39-43, 47, 49, 50, and 62, Applicant has withdrawn these claims in order to facilitate the prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to include these claims in a future continuation application claiming the same priority as possessed by this application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that the present application, with claims 51-59 is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt action to that

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effect is sincerely requested.

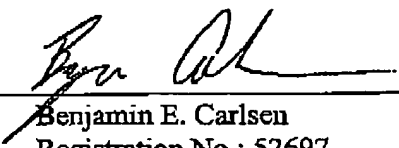
Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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